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1. THERE HAS BEEN NO RECENT ERDA PRESS RELEASE OR SPEECH RELATING TO US OBLIGATION TO MEET COMMITMENTS TO SUPPLY NUCLEAR MATERIALS TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES OR TO SPECIFIC EXPORT CASES WHICH RELATE TO INDIA PENDING BEFORE NRC.

2. DEPARTMENT ASSUMES THAT INDIAN PRESS REPORTS PROBABLY REFER TO RECENTLY-RELEASED, TWO-VOLUME PUBLICATION ERDA-1542, "U.S. NUCLEAR POWER EXPORT ACTIVITIES--FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT", APRIL 1976 (AVAILABLE FROM NTIS FOR \$20.25 PER SET) THIS STATEMENT CONCLUDES AS FOLLOWS

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BEGIN QUOTE: IN SUM, CONSIDERATION OF THE COSTS AND

BENEFITS OF CURRENT AND PROJECTED NUCLEAR POWER EXPORT ACTIVITIES, AS WELL AS THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED, LEADS TO THE CONCLUSIONS THAT, AT THIS TIME, (1) NEITHER TERMINATION OR REDUCTION OF NUCLEAR POWER EXPORTS NOR THE IMPOSITION OF ADDITIONAL SAFEGUARDS, IF UNDERTAKEN UNILATERALLY BY THE U.S., PROVIDES A NET BENEFIT OVER CONTINUATION OF CURRENT AND PROJECTED U.S. NUCLEAR POWER EXPORT ACTIVITIES UNDER CURRENT AND EVOLVING POLICIES, AND (2) THE LEVEL OF PROJECTED U.S. ACTIVITIES

THROUGH THE YEAR 2000 SHOULD NOT ENTAIL SIGNIFICANT AND UNACCEPTABLE ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS TO THE U.S. AND SHOULD PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE MEANS OF PROMOTING U.S. NATIONAL INTERESTS. AS THE WORLDWIDE USE OF THE NUCLEAR OPTIONS INCREASES, THERE WILL BE THE NEED TO PERIODICALLY ASSESS THE WORLDWIDE IMPACTS OF NUCLEAR POWER ON A COMPREHENSIVE BASIS. THE U.S. WILL CONTINUE TO STIMULATE MULTINATIONAL EFFORTS IN THIS REGARD AS REFLECTED BY THE FOUR INITIATIVES MENTIONED ABOVE. END QUOTE. SISCO

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